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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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1. AS DISCUSSED DURING RECENT VISIT OF EUR/NE DIRECTOR ROBERT FUNSETH, THERE FOLLOWS DISTILLATION OF GUIDANCE ON PREPARATION OF US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES MIGHT USEFULLY BE APPLIED IN CASE OF BERMUDA. POST SHOULD AIM FOR CABLED SUBMISSION BY MAY 15. BY SEPARATE OFFICIAL-INFORMAL LETTER, DEPARTMENT WILL FURTHER ADDRESS QUESTION OF REPORTING, ALSO DISCUSSED DURING FUNSETH VISIT. TOGETHER, THESE TWO ELEMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE SYSTEMATIC FRAMEWORK FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF US POLICY INTERESTS IN BERMUDA AND COURSES OF ACTION IN LIGHT OF EVOLVING POLITICAL SITUATION AND EVENTUAL MOVE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.

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2. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENTS PROCESS WAS DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO A PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE. THE STATEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE CLEAR, AUTHORITATIVE, AND UPDATED EXPRESSIONS OF PRINCIPAL US POLICY AIMS WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION. THIS PROCESS REPLACES THE SIMILAR ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT (CERP 0001) CALLED FOR

BY FAM 11 SECTION 212.4 WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR AS PART OF THE POLICY ANALYSIS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CYCLE.

3. POST SHOULD PROPOSE WITH BRIEF RATIONALE OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO BERMUDA FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, DISCUSS KEY POLICY ISSUES FACING THE USG, HOW PROJECTED DEVELOPMENTS IN BERMUDA MAY AFFECT THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PROPOSED OBJECTIVES AND IN GENERAL TERMS THE COURSE OF ACTION YOU PROPOSE TO FOLLOW UNDER EACH MAJOR HEADING.

4. YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT YOUR POST'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RELATE TO THE TOTALITY OF US INTERESTS IN BERMUDA AND THUS TO THE PROGRAMS AND CONCERNS OF ALL USG AGENCIES. CHRISTOPHER

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